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Applicant(s): Schofield

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Optical Data Streams In An Optical Communication
Network

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 8, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action of October 8, 2003, Applicant hereby elects prosecution of invention I as defined by claims 1-9, 17 and 18. The remaining claims 10-16 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Accordingly, review of this application is respectfully requested. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the

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Examiner telephone Lindsay G. McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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